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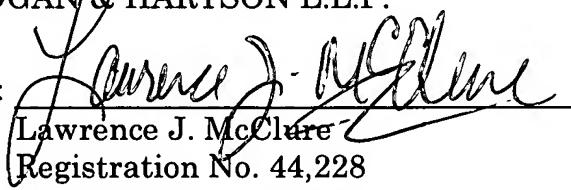
Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on September 11, 2003. However, no Office Action has yet been received. Accordingly, Applicant requests to be advised of the status of the application, including an indication of when the patent application is expected to be examined.

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